GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:349
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2007
INCLUSION OF TOURISM IN THE CONCURRENT LIST
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari;Gawali Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had considered inclusion of 'Tourism' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government had sought the views of the State Governments in the matter;

(d) if so, the details of the States which have supported the proposal; and

(e) the present status of the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE: (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.+349 ANSWERED ON 26.04.2007 REGARDING INCLUSION OF TOURISM IN THE CONCURRENT LIST

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): Yes, Sir. The issue of inclusion of Tourism in the Concurrent List of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution had earlier been examined by the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry had written to all the 35 States/UTs in order to have a consensus on the proposal of including the subject of tourism in the Concurrent List. The issue was also discussed in the Conference of the Chief Ministers/ State Tourism Ministers in October 2001 as well as in the meeting of State Tourism Ministers in September 2002. While 29 States/ UTs had supported this proposal, 6 States/UTs, namely, Andhra Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu, had opposed it.

Since `Tourism` is not appearing in any of the three lists of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution, the Central Government is competent to legislate on any matter under the residuary powers. After detailed examination and taking into account all the factors, it has been decided that the matter should be dropped.